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June 26, 2017

Her Worship Maureen Cole Mayor Municipality of South Huron m.cole@southhuron.ca

Dear Mayor Cole:

As part of the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history, our government is committed to helping rural communities improve vital local infrastructure. That's why we are tripling the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) annually to \$300 million by 2019, and providing communities like yours with more stable, predictable and bankable OCIF formula funding.

This year, the Top-Up Application Component of OCIF is also increasing to \$100 million to help communities apply for additional funding to address larger critical infrastructure projects. I am pleased to inform you that we are now accepting proposals for the 2017 intake of OCIF Top-Up Application funding. **The Municipality of South Huron is eligible to apply for up to \$875,778.**

Your community may submit one project proposal, either individually or in partnership with another community. The deadline for submitting proposals for OCIF Top-Up Application funding is Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 5 p.m.

Please note that this is a competitive application process that will assess projects primarily on their critical health and safety aspects. An assessment of the applicant's asset management plan will also be considered as part of this process.

For more information about OCIF, please visit our government's infrastructure funding <u>website</u> (www.ontario.ca/municipalinfrastructure). Should you have any additional questions, please call OMAFRA's contact centre (1-877-424-1300) or email <u>OCIFApps@ontario.ca</u>.

Working together, we are investing to build Ontario up, grow our economy, create jobs across the province, and make everyday life easier for Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leal Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs *Minister Responsible for Small Business*

Bob Chiarelli Minister of Infrastructure